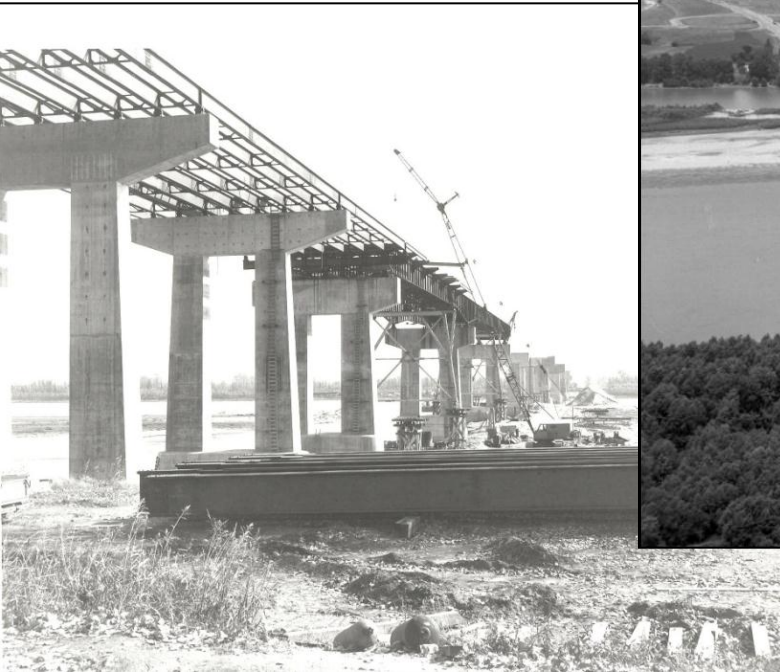


I-70 Blanchette Bridge

**Rehabilitation
Westbound I-70
over the Missouri River**



50+ Year Old Bridge Needs Repair

- Driving Surface
- Expansion Joints
- Beams
- Truss
- Columns



Overall Schedule

- \$63 million contract awarded to Walsh Construction Co. in Nov 2011
- Two-year contract
 - One-year detour westbound traffic onto eastbound bridge
- Construction starts this summer with off-peak lane closures
- Bridge closure and detour starts Nov 2012
- Closure/detour will last less than one year

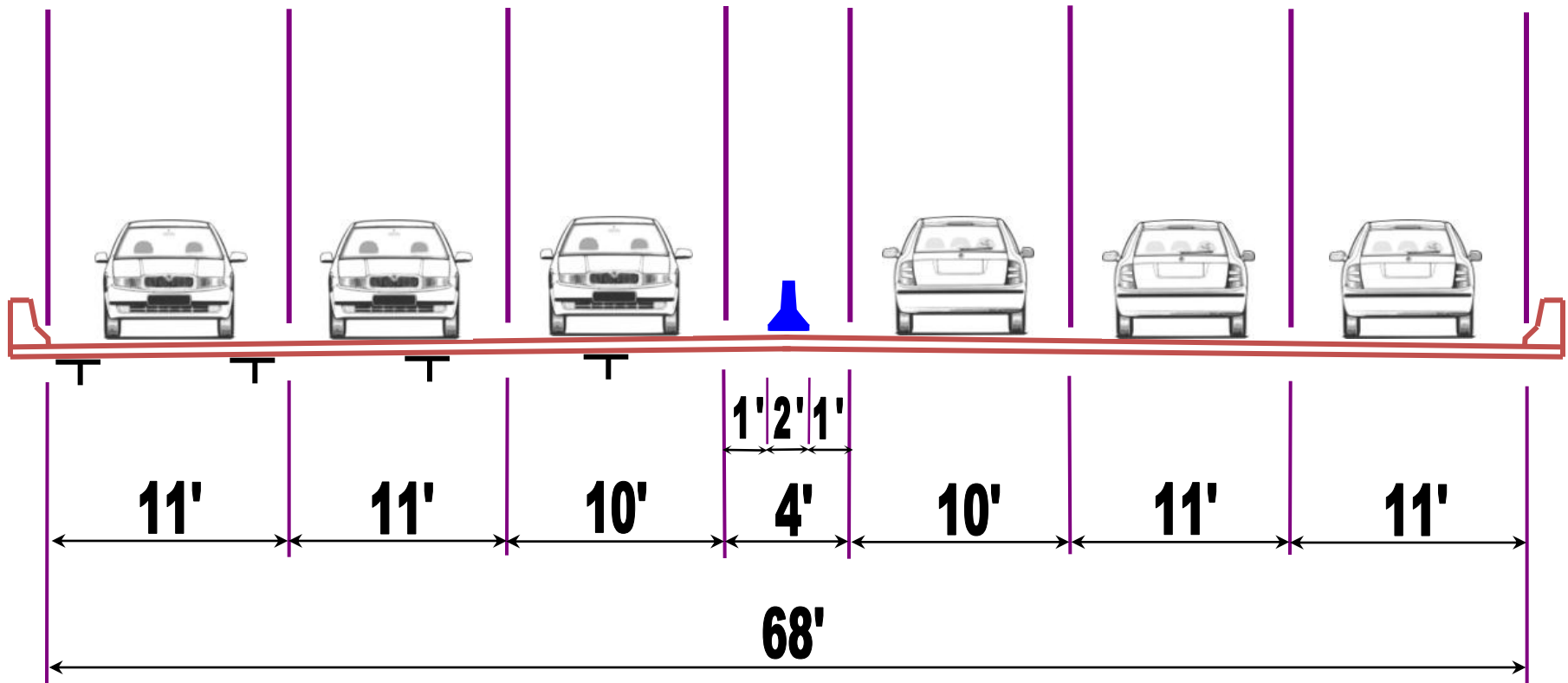
Current Traffic Impacts

- One lane closed each direction of I-70
- St. Louis end of the Blanchette Bridge
- Building median pavement to temporarily cross westbound I-70 to eastbound bridge
- Lane closure continues until October 9

All Traffic on Eastbound Bridge

- I-70 westbound traffic crossovers
 - After Earth City Expressway
 - Before Fifth Street
- Speed limit 50 mph work zone
 - 45 mph speed limit at crossovers
- Work Zone extends from I-270 to Route 94

Both Directions of I-70 on Eastbound Bridge



Westbound Traffic Crossovers

- After Earth City Expressway

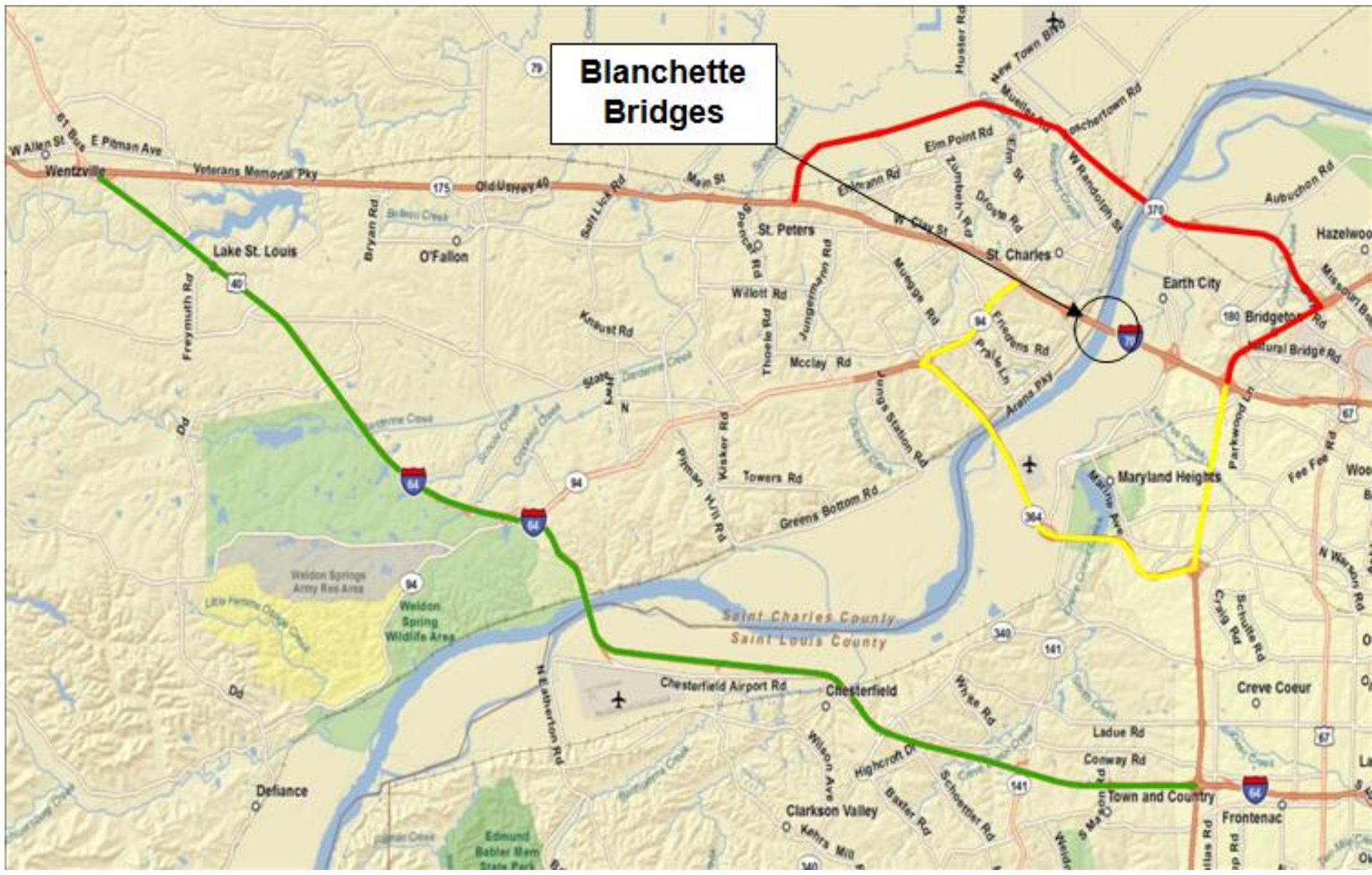


Westbound Traffic Crossovers

- Before Fifth Street



Alternate Routes



Traffic Recommendations

- Expect heavy congestion a.m. and p.m. rush
- Use Route 364 or Route 370 to cross the river
- Adjust drive time to avoid peak rush
- Midday and Weekend Shopping OK
- Downtown St. Charles Access Options
 - Consider Page to Arena Parkway to Fifth Street
 - Or
 - Route 370 to Route 94/Third Street

Recommendations for Businesses

- Sign up for MoDOT's email updates
- Link to Blanchette website from your website
- Prepare your employees with positive information
 - How to direct people to your business
 - Alternate routes as options
- Prepare directions to your business/event with alternate routes
- Inform your customers

Prep for Westbound Bridge Closure

- Weekend of October 19-21
 - Restripe eastbound I-70 bridge to six lanes
 - Multiple lanes closed eastbound for weekend
 - Reopen after weekend with usual five lanes
- Weekend of October 26-28
 - Install barrier westbound 70 at Earth City
 - Ramps Earth City to westbound 70 closed for weekend
- Weeknights October 29-November 1
 - Striping crews working at night

Westbound Closure Weekend

November 2-4

- Multiple lanes closed each direction
- Barrier wall installed on eastbound bridge
- Eastbound traffic pushed to far right side of bridge
- Westbound traffic merged over to the eastbound bridge
- Existing westbound bridge closed by late Sunday, November 4

Bridge Demolition

- Concentrated effort in Nov and Dec
- Crews working 6 days per week, 2 shifts
- Three sections over river will be taken down with explosives
- Will require full I-70 closure for 1 hour
- Dates and times TBA in Mid Nov to early Dec

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I-70 Missouri River Bridge (Blanchette Bridge) Connecting St. Charles and St. Louis Counties



What's the Problem?

Westbound I-70 bridge over the Missouri River was built in the late 1950s. It is in serious need of major repairs. Major river crossings are designed to last 100 years with a major overall needed at 50 years. MoDOT has funding available for repair work in 2012. Because the bridge is historic and is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), MoDOT must consider alternatives and involve the public in the decision-making process.

What if we do nothing?

Without major repairs, the bridge will continue to fall into disrepair and emergency repairs will be required at more frequent intervals with longer

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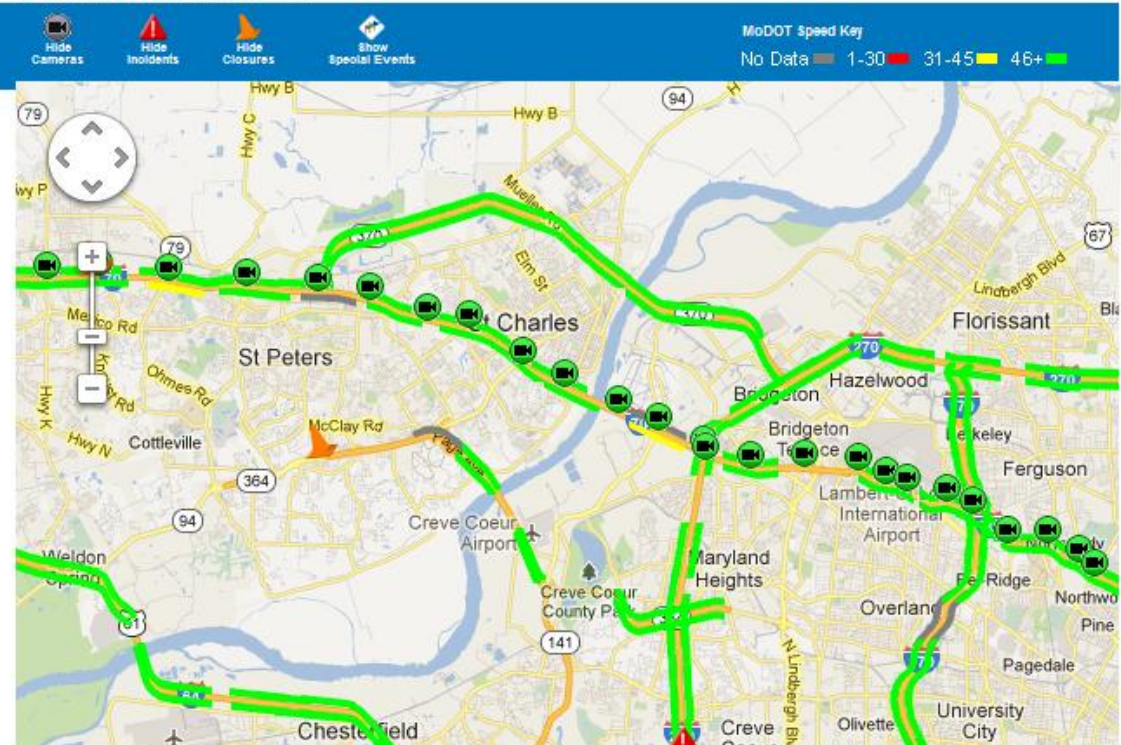
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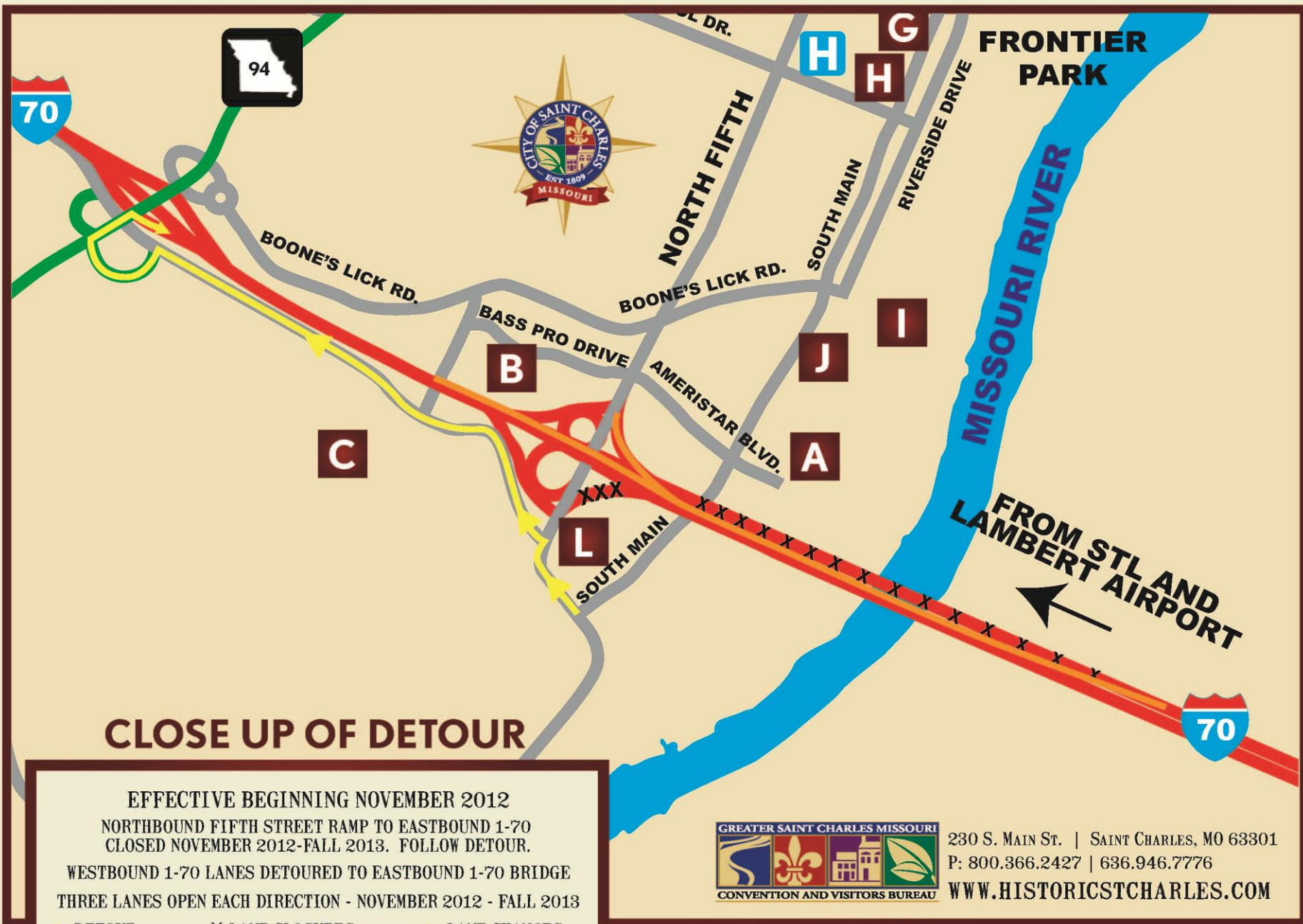


ATTRACTIONS

- A** Ameristar Casino Resort Spa
- B** Bass Pro Shops/Mark Twain Village
- C** Saint Charles Convention Center
- D** Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne
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- F** Foundry Art Centre
- G** First Missouri State Capitol
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Additional Wayfinding Signs

- Installing signs in October
- Directs traffic using Route 364 and 370
- Focused on major attractions



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Find a Better Ride to Work or School

Blanchette Bridge Stakeholder Meeting

September 27, 2012

St. Louis Regional Rideshare Program

- Federally-mandated due to region's poor air quality
- Established in 1994 by Madison County Transit
- Operates as a free public service with Federal funds
- Improves air quality by reducing traffic congestion



Ridesharing Options

- Carpool

- 2+ commuters ridesharing using personal vehicles
- Take turns driving or give gas money to the driver
- 8,300 carpoolers in almost 4,000 carpools



- Vanpool

- 7+ commuters ridesharing using RideFinders vans
- Driver gets free commute; riders share total cost
- 900 vanpoolers in 88 RideFinders vanpools



Finding a Ride to Share

- RideFinders offers a FREE ridematching service for commuters online or over the phone
- Commuters first enter home and work info, then receive “matchlist” of commuters or vanpools
- Commuters contact commuters or vanpools on “matchlist” to form or join a carpool or vanpool



Employer and College Participation

- No cost or liability for employers or colleges to participate in RideFinders
- Enables RideFinders to provide ridesharing info and incentives like a free Guaranteed Ride Home
- 900+ participating employers/colleges promote ridesharing to 450,000+ employees/students





Ridesharing for K-12 Schools

- RideFinders Schoolpool program is available for all K-12 schools to enroll in at no cost
- Offers a free, secure ridematching service to help parents carpool, walk or bike students to school
- Over 50 participating schools and 75 registered parents for 2012-13 school year currently



Ridesharing Benefits the Region

- Reduces traffic by removing over 5,300 vehicles daily and 64 million driving miles annually
- Improves air quality by eliminating over 2 million pounds of air pollution annually
- Offers vital transportation that saves commuters \$34 million annually in gas, other commute costs



Blanchette Bridge Renovation Project

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